1990-91. The fiscal deficit was 7.7% to GIP in 1993-94 mainly due to slower pace of industrial recovery which led to short fall in revenue receipt and various expenditures had also exceeded the budget estimates. In 1994-95 (RE) fiscal deficit was 6.2% of GIP against the budget target of 6% if the additional small savings loans passed on to the States due to larger collections are excluded. Government would endeavour to restrict the fiscal deficit in the current year to 5.5% of GIP by maximising revenues as and containing expenditure.

पूंजी बाजार से धन जुटाया जाना

*231. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या पर्यटन विभाग ने चालू वर्ष के दौरान पूंजी बाजार से धन जुटाने का प्रयास किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस प्रयोजनार्थ निर्धारित लक्ष्य प्राप्त कर लिये जाने की संभावना है;

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) पूंजी बाजार से धन किन प्रयोजनों हेतु जुटाया जा रहा है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Efforts to Expand Network of T.V. Stations

*232. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of total area of the country is now covered by Doordarshan (by its high and low power transmitters put together); and

(b) the efforts being made to expand the network of T.V. stations over the rest of the country, particularly the hilly and inaccessible areas?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) An estimated 68.4% area of the country is presently covered by Doordarshan network.

(b) With a view to further augment terrestrial service in hitherto uncovered areas, including hilly and inaccessible areas, 55 TV. transmitters of varying powers are presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the country, by the end of Eighth Plan, depending on availability of resources and other infrastructural facilities required for the purpose. On commissioning of these projects, terrestrial TV service is expected to be available to an estimated 83.2% area of the country.

Satellite based network system for Airports

*233. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to set up a satellite- based national network system of airports in India;

(b) whether it is being implemented on a built-operate-transfer basis;

(c) whether there is any overseas investors or Indian corporate houses willing to fund this scheme and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when Government expect this system to be fully operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) First phase of this network system, involving transfer of all landbased direct speech circuit/teleprinter circuits to satellite linked network, is expected to be operational by December, 1997.

Proposal for writing-off loans worth Rs. 2100 crores

*234. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has